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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Stephen D. Kuslich; James W. Ahern; Leon J. Grobler; Steven J. Wolfe**  
Application No.: **09/909667**  
Filed: **July 20, 2001**  
For: **Expandable Fabric Bag Reduction, Fixation and Supporting of Bone Abnormalities**  
Group Art Unit: **3732**

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Docket No.: S85.2R-9156-US02

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. In regard to the above-identified application, in addition to this **2 page** transmittal letter, we are submitting the attached:  
**11 Pages Amendment in response to the outstanding office action dated December 24, 2003; Copy of File History; and Return Postcard.**
2. With respect to fees:  
  - ▶ **No additional fee is required.**
  - ☐ Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$
  - ☐ Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.
3. **CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.
4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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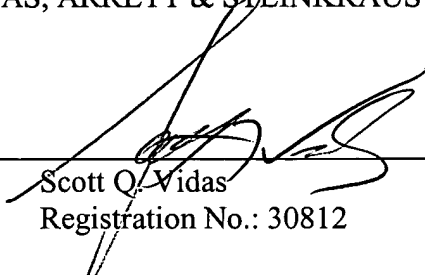
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Respectfully submitted,

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